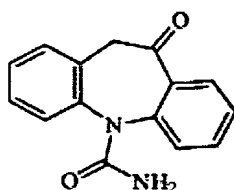


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

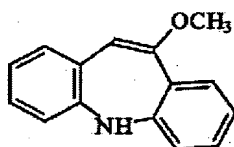
1.(Currently Amended) Process for preparing oxcarbazepine of formula



(I)

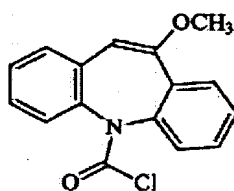
which comprises includes:

a) reacting in a [[the]] chlorocarbonylation reaction [[of]] the compound of formula



(II)

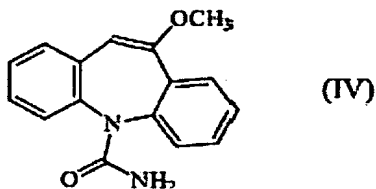
with triphosgene in the presence of a base, to give the compound of formula



(III)

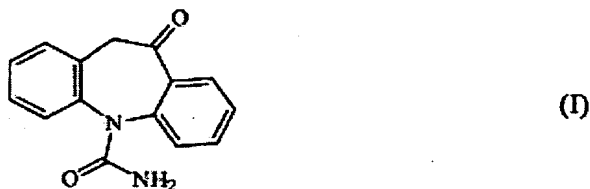
2.(Currently Amended) The process of ~~Process according to Claim 1, which~~
further comprises subsequently includes:

- b) ammonolysis of the compound of formula III to give the compound of formula



and

- c) deprotecting the compound of formula IV by acid hydrolysis of the compound of formula IV to give oxcarbazepine [[1]] of formula (I)



3.(Currently Amended) The process of claim 1~~Process according to Claim 1 or 2,~~
in which ~~[[the]]~~ said chlorocarbonylation reaction a) is performed with
triphosgene in a triphosgene molar ratio, relative to the compound of formula II,
of between 0.46:1 and 0.54:1 ~~and more preferably at about 0.5:1.~~

4.(Currently Amended) The process of claim 1, wherein the base is~~Process~~
~~according to Claims 1 to 3, in which the said chlorocarbonylation reaction a) is~~
~~performed using triethylamine as base, in a~~ base molar ratio relative to the

compound of formula II of between 1.4: 1 and 1.6:1 ~~and preferably at about~~
~~4.5:1.~~

5.(Currently Amended) The process of claim 1, ~~Process according to Claims 1 to~~
~~4,~~ in which ~~[[the]]~~ said chlorocarbonylation reaction a) is performed in toluene
~~[[and]]~~ at a temperature of between 90 and 110°C.

6.(Currently Amended) The process of claim 2~~Process according to Claims 2 to~~
5, in which the ammonolysis b) is performed with aqueous ammonia in
methanol.

7.(Currently Amended) The process of claim 2~~Process according to Claims 2 to~~
6, in which the deprotecting step ~~deprotection~~ c) is performed with hydrochloric
acid in aqueous medium at a pH of about 1 and at a deprotecting temperature
of between 90 and 95°C.

8.(New) The process of claim 1, in which said chlorocarbonylation reaction a) is
performed with triphosgene in a triphosgene molar ratio, relative to the
compound of formula II, of about 0.5:1

9.(New) The process of claim 1, wherein the base is triethylamine, in a base
molar ratio relative to the compound of formula II of about 0.5:1